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REMARKS

Claims 11-19 and 32-35 were pending, of which claims 11 and 16 are independent. Claims 11-19 and 32-35 stand rejected. The applicant amended claims 11 and 16 for clarity. The applicant added claims 42-51. Claims 11-19, 32-35, and 42-51 are now pending, of which claims 11, 16, and 42 are independent. The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

Section 102 rejections

Claims 11-13, 16, 18, 19, 33-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,433,651 to Lustig et al. ("Lustig"). The applicant respectfully traverses the rejection because Lustig is not proper prior art. In particular, Lustig was filed on December 22, 1993, which postdates December 28, 1992, the priority date of the present application. For at least this reason, the applicant respectfully submits that the rejected claims should be allowed.

Claims 15, 17, and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lustig in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,975,141 to Greco et al. As discussed above, Lustig is not proper prior art. For at least this reason, the rejected claims should be allowed.

Claim amendment

The applicant amended claims 11 and 16 for clarity. Support for the amendment can be found at least at the paragraph in the specification starting at page 2, line 22, at the paragraph in the specification starting at page 14, line 10, and at Figure 4.

New Claims

The applicant added new claims 42-51, of which claim 42 is independent. Support for claim 42 can be found at least at the paragraph in the specification starting at page 2, line 22, at the paragraph in the specification starting at page 14, line 10, and at Figure 4. Claims 43-49 include limitations similar to those recited by claims depending from claim 11, and support for

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claims 43-49 can be found at least at portions of the application that provide support for claims depending from claim 11. Support for claims 50 and 51 can be found at least at the paragraph starting at page 14, line 10 in the specification.

Claim 42 include limitations that are similar to those of claim 11, and the applicant respectfully submits that claim 42 should be allowed for at least the reason that claim 11 is allowable. Claims 43-50 depend from claim 42 and should be allowed for at least the reason that claim 42 is allowable. Claim 51 depend from claim 11 and should be allowed for at least the reason that claim 11 is allowable.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed November 12, 2004. Enclosed is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement, a Return Receipt Postcard, and a copy of a check for \$180.00. The Return Receipt Postcard indicates that the USPTO received the Information Disclosure Statement on November 17, 2004. Applicant requests that the Examiner initial the PTO-1449.

The applicant respectfully requests that all pending claims be allowed. Please apply any appropriate charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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